

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes June 5, 2013

In attendance: Phil Harris for the Department, Chair Dawn Adams, Rolan Clark, Bryan Malseed, Bob Clark, Rich Terselic

Guests: Lori Finafrock, Kevin Demosky

This evening session was videotaped for broadcast on the County TV channel.

The meeting opened at 6:30 PM with a quorum present.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved with typographical corrections.

Department Update (presented by Lori)

- * The official recycling/waste reduction rates were received from MDE for 2011. Recycling rate- 44+%; with the overall waste reduction rate being 49+%

The respective rates for 2010 were: 44.3% and 49.3%

Dramatic increases are not likely in the future because the "low hanging fruit has been picked."

Early in 2014 the 2013 rates will be received.

- * Five awards were made to local businesses for their recycling efforts. There was a considerable amount of interest in the awards this year.

- * The Department receives a \$25,000 grant that has been used for a number of initiatives with schools and others. One use has been to acquire and publicize a new recycling app for smart phones. 5600 people have already downloaded the app, about 8% of eligible households in the County.

- * A concerted effort has been made in promoting recycling in the public schools involving several initiatives.

- * In April a compost bin sale was held at the Fredericktowne Mall parking lot. Advance orders were taken in the hope it would speed pick up and increase composting efforts.

- * On May 18 the household hazardous waste event was held and the second highest tonnage of material was collected. Another hazardous waste collection event will be held in October.

- * Set out rate continues to increase as well as recycling tonnage for the curbside recycling program.

- * MDE will fund a residential scrap tire drop off in the Fall.

Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

Phil reported on the progress of the revised SWMP. The plan had two important additions directed by MDE including: verbage changes, inclusion of the multi-

family recycling requirement and establishment of the increased recycling rate of 35% with which Frederick County is already in compliance. The revised plan went to the BOCC. Once they approve it, it will be published for public comment for a 30 day period before a public hearing is scheduled.

Dawn invited volunteers to take meeting minutes given Rich rotates off SWAC at the end of this meeting. He was thanked for his service.

In response to Bob Clark's question, Phil advised there are currently four SWAC vacancies. One involves Bob's position. His nomination by SWAC has been submitted to the BOCC. No other candidates have applied for vacancies.

BOCC has been advised of the SWAC recommendation not to pursue membership in KAB, but no response has been received back.

Rolan noted that at the County website there is a Q/A prepared by Mike Marschner dealing with WTE.

The next meeting will be August 7.

The meeting adjourned at 7 PM.